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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Rueben Matalon et al.

Group Art Unit: 1814

Serial No.: 09/965,807

Examiner: G. Bugaisky

Filed: October 1, 2001

For: APARTOACYLASE GENE, PROTEIN, AND METHODS OF SCREENING
FOR MUTATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH CANAVAN DISEASE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the Title, please insert:

-- This application is a continuation of U.S. Ser. No. 08/128,020, filed Sept. 29, 1993, which is
incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 21 and 23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

20. (Amended) A recombinant [An isolated] normal human aspartoacylase [polypeptide]
capable of hydrolyzing N-acetyl aspartic acid to aspartate and acetate, having the amino acid
sequence SEQ ID NO: 2, or a polymorphic form thereof.